

Proclamation

WHEREAS, there is a growing need to provide financial aid information throughout the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to foster financial aid awareness initiatives to promote higher education access for Louisiana citizens and to inform them about federal Title IV, as well as all other types of student financial aid programs; and

WHEREAS, education access plays a critical role in providing for a better tomorrow for our Louisiana citizens ; and

WHEREAS, developing financial aid awareness initiatives which enable students to obtain access to funds to fulfill their degree requirements; and

WHEREAS, these initiatives will allow Louisiana citizens the opportunity to become better educated on the numerous financial assistance programs as well as options available to access funds for an advanced education; and

WHEREAS, observing a "Financial Aid Awareness Month" will encourage Louisiana institutions, foundations, governmental agencies, and private community organizations to promote and develop effective programs pertinent to student financial aid; and

WHEREAS, numerous awareness programs will inform Louisiana citizens about the importance of completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in a timely manner to be considered for assistance for the upcoming academic year.

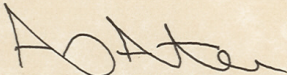
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of the state of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2006, as

FINANCIAL AID AWARENESS MONTH

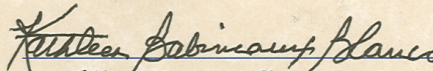
in the state of Louisiana.



Attest By
The Governor


Secretary of State

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set
my hand officially and caused to be affixed the
Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the
Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this
the 12th day of January
A.D., 2006.*


Governor of Louisiana